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THE WAY TO BUILD THAT RAILROAD.

When it comes to building that railroad from San Antonio to the Rio Grande, the good people of San Antonio are not likely to forget what an advantage it is to have those things undertaken by practical railroad builders. While Dr. Simmons is no doubt making his proposition in good faith, there is no doubt that he knows more of other things than he does of railroad building in South Texas. Uriah Lott is the one man who knows all about the possibilities of railroad building in South Texas. He has built three successful railroads and has the plan and survey already mapped out for a fourth, which will be the most practical and decidedly the most advantageous that could possibly be adopted. Mr. Lott has the entire map of South Texas indelibly impressed upon his mind. He doubtless knows every creek, every rise or depression over the entire territory between San Antonio and the Rio Grande. He has known this territory and traveled over it time and again for many years, and there is no other man who could come so near to telling exactly what such a railroad would cost, and just to make a success of the medical practice, as Dr. Simmons very probably knows, and it takes wide experience and ability to plan and build a successful railroad.

The republicans have had the best of it in regard to primary conventions, not having any such expensive machinery to operate as their democratic friends, who have had to pay for the privilege of securing the nomination in Texas is almost positively equivalent to an election, the nomination. But as the democratic nominees on that ticket feel that they will be recompensed for their expenditure. The "also rans" of the party, however, have no consolation to make good the hole in their pockets.

Where a year ago on the lower Rio Grande there was nothing to be seen but brush and cactus, today the enterprising farmers are harvesting abundant crops, which were raised by irrigation. Truly the results of this soil when a little water and cultivation are applied are marvelous.

Don't be discouraged by a failure or two. There is always a chance to wipe out old scores and begin over. The wise man profits by past experiences, avoiding past mistakes, and building better the second time.

This has been democratic day at the polls in Texas.

TO MARK HOUSES AND STREETS.

Definite arrangements are on foot for the enterprise of numbering the houses and marking the streets of the city for the purpose of securing free mail delivery. A city directory will be compiled and published by the parties undertaking the work, and very probably a census of the city will be made in conjunction with the work. The parties interested have conferred with Mayor Combe and other officials of the city, and secured their co-operation. The Mayor expressed himself as heartily in favor of the enterprise. Full information will be published early next week.

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WRITER OF LETTER FOUND ON COAST

L. H. HALLAM HEARS FROM AUTHOR OF LETTER FOUND IN BOTTLE ON TARPON BEACH

Cast Into Caribbean Sea, 1,200 Miles South of Mouth of Mississippi July 26, 1907, Came on Gulf Stream to This Coast—Writer in Guatemala. May Visit Brownsville.

It will be remembered by readers of the Herald that a short time ago, a letter in a bottle was found by L. H. Hallam, of the Hallam Colonization company of this city, on the coast at Tarpon Beach. The letter was dated July 27, 1907, and was signed by Frank Sears of Estacion de Zacocho, Guatemala.

Mr. Hallam wrote to the authors of the letter, telling them of his find, and has just received the following interesting reply from Mr. Sears: "Estacion de Zacocho, Guatemala, Central America, July 14, de 1908. "Mr. L. H. Hallam.

"Dear Sir—Your letter of the 24 June to hand was very surprised to hear that the note Mr. Beckman and myself mailed on the Caribbean Sea was found so far away from where it left the ship. We were about 1,200 miles south of the mouth of the Mississippi river and some 300 miles off the coast of Spanish Honduras the 26 July, 1907. I would like very much to know the distance that bottle traveled on the gulf stream with the note before it landed on the coast of Texas.

"I hope to be able to visit your town when I return to the states.

"I am now and have been since I left the states employed as Chief Engineer of the ice and cold storage plant for the above company.

"I hope to hear from you again.

Respt.,
"FRANK SEARS."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following transfers of real estate have been filed for record in Cameron county:

Alba Heywood to Ross Reed, Concepcion de Carricitos grant, 160 acres, \$3,000.

Gulf Coast Irrigation Co. to C. W. Swenk, Raymondville tract, east half of lot 6, sec. 65, \$20.

Concepcion Cobb to Cecile Cobb, Brownsville lot 4, block 92, \$1.

Benjamin Garcia to Mrs. A. C. de Garcia San Benito town lots 7 and 8, block 19; lots 9 and 10, block 6, lots 11 and 12, block 9, and lot 8, \$1.00.

L. M. Allen and wife to I. G. Adamson, El Chapote ranch, 39 acres, \$926.

Jno. A. Swanson to Chas. Larson, La Feria grant, 40 acres, \$2,060.

A. D. Struthers to Romulo Barza, Lyford, town lots 14, 15, block 18, \$200.

Delbert J. Williams and wife to same, Lyford town lots 9, 10, block 28, \$200.

A. D. Struthers to Pedro Canales, Lyford town lots 25 and 26, block "F", \$60.

Laguna Vista Club to J. T. Asker, 45 acres Laguna Vista lot 15, block 349, a nd lot 10, block 443, \$3,000.

Gulf Coast Irrigation Co. to Nancy Flandt, Lyford tract, 40 acres, \$334.

Jno. A. Farnsworth and wife to Mrs. E. J. Harkness, 7 lots in Raymondville, \$700.

Mary C. B. San Roman, Jas. A. Browne and A. A. Browne to E. C. Shireman, Espiritu Santo grant, 8 acres, \$2,500.

Mrs. Meta Wedergartner to S. A. Robertson, Tarpon Beach lots 9, and 10, block 219, \$100.

Padre Island Development Co., Tarpon Beach, lots to Maggie Bellah, lots 7 and 8, block 221, \$100; D. L. Murphy, lots 7 and 8, block 139, \$100; Wallace Wilcox, lot 1, block 50, \$50; R. J. Clinkscales, lot 6, block 143, \$50; W. A. Philpott, lot 10, block 135, \$50; J. E. Trott and R. D. Crow, lot 9, block 229, \$50; W. A. Philpott, lot 11, block 119, \$50; C. W. Smith, lot 10, block 121, \$50; Ella Ray, lot 12, block 225, \$50; O. E. Buck, lots 15, 16, block 32, \$100; W. H. Smith, lots 11 and 12, block 47, \$100; E. H. Reese, lot 11, block 32, \$50; W. O. Dickerson, lot 5, block 121, lot 5, block 140, \$100; L. A. McGow, lot 1, block 207, \$50; F. T. Emerson, lot 6, block 41, \$50; Joseph Champlin, lot 2, 331, \$50; J. E. Trott and R. D. Crow, lot 17, block 20, \$50; E. W. Solomon, lot 4, block 565, \$50; E. P. Jones and wife, lots 17 and 18, block 46, \$50; P. W. Chase, lot 10, block 57, \$30; Jas. Murphy, lot 13, block 139, \$50; J. R. Key, lot 11, block 116, \$50; W. B. McShane, lot 6, block 139, \$50; A. L. Jordan, lot 5, block 50, \$50.

TEACHERS HAVE FINISHED WORK

SIX WEEKS SUMMER NORMAL INSTITUTE WILL HAVE MOST BENEFICIAL RESULTS.

Thirty-four Teachers Receive Instruction and Normal Training—Attendance Record is Excellent—Applicants for Certificates Examined Next Week—Those Who Attended.

After six weeks of hard and careful study on the part of the thirty-four teachers attending the summer normal institute, and of skilful and painstaking instruction on the part of the conductor and his assistants, the institute concluded its work for the summer yesterday afternoon. The institute has been conducted by Prof. Wm. Vallandingham, who has undoubtedly demonstrated great ability and fitness for the very important work. He was ably assisted throughout by Miss Lizzie Barbour and Miss Rita Clearwater, teachers of high standing, who have had excellent normal training and are well fitted for the work of training teachers.

The usual common school course has been covered during the six weeks each subject being taken up with a view of showing how best to teach it, and school government has also received considerable attention. Special instructions have also been given to those who must take the examinations for certificates, and they have been largely benefited by the course.

Prof. Vallandingham, at the close of the institute, issued certificates of attendance to each member, and remarked with pleasure upon the fact that the attendance record of nearly every member has been excellent. In fact while the members are required to attend only twenty days during the session of the institute, in order to obtain certificates of attendance, they have nearly all attended fully twenty-five days, which speaks well for the zeal of the teachers of Brownsville and the county.

The professor spoke also very highly of the work done by the members of the institute, who, he says have taken great interest throughout, and showed commendable desire to improve themselves. On the whole, he has been greatly pleased with the results of the institute.

The teachers, who have been students in the institute, also speak very highly of the work of Prof. Vallandingham and his assistants, and feel that they have been very greatly benefited by the course. The result will no doubt be most beneficial in the class of work done in the schools hereafter, as normal instruction is very essential to assist teachers in their work.

There will be six applicants for teachers' certificates, who will be examined next week.

Following are the names of the names of the teachers who took the summer normal course:

Mrs. H. T. Clearwater, Mrs. A. S. Putegnat, Misses M. E. Duffy, Martha Krausse, Mariana Rohde, Horn, Donita Demere, Hettie S. Dougherty, Bertha Thelen, Marianne Egly, Verrees, Eloisa Cavazos, May Scanlan, Josephine Johnson, Ray Stowe, Rosa Stowe, Bessie Verrees, Virginia Campbell, Anita Kowalski, Etta Kowalski, Emma Vesseron, Maria Valdez, Maximina Valdez, Hinojosa, Manuela Longoria, Josephine Champion, Estafana Champion and Esperanza Labois, of this city, besides Miss Kate Edwards and Louise Champion of Santa Maria, Bessie Ludlam of Harlingen and Emma and Kate Purvis of San Benito, and Mrs. Holt of the Union Church.

OF COURSE, IT'S NOT A CREEK.

The Victoria people with commendable zeal are already preparing to take advantage of the deepening of the Guadalupe river by the government, having made arrangements for the purchase of a steamer which will be put into service on the river at once. Until the dredging is completed, the boat will be used for excursions along the banks of the pretty little stream. Some such enterprise ought to pay at Brownsville, where we have a river with eight feet of water in it. The Guadalupe at Victoria is a mere creek compared with the Rio Grande at Brownsville.—Brownsville Herald.

Will you listen? And Jess Wheeler was reared in Victoria, too. Be truthful, old boy, be truthful.—Victoria Advocate.

Oh, beg pardon—did we say "creek"? Of course, the Guadalupe is a noble old stream. Many's the time the Herald editor has gone swimming, wading, fishing and boating on its beautiful, limpid waters.

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